



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
LICENSE COMMISSION AGENDA
Thursday June 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM
City Council Chambers – Room 202**

This meeting/hearing of Haverhill License Commission will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.

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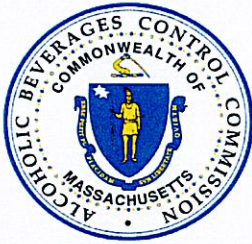
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- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
- 3. CONTINUED BUSINESS**
- 4. MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS**
- 5. ONE DAY APPLICATIONS**
- 6. ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS**
- 7. COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS**
- 8. OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS**
- 9. ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS**
- 10. MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS**
- 11. CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS**
- 12. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**
- 13. SHOW CAUSE HEARING**
- 14. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 15. OTHER BUSINESS**

15.1 Discussion on adoption of MA House, No. 5478, amended: “An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Opt-In to a Temporary Pilot to Extend the Hours of Liquor Licenses and to Allow for Public Consumption in Designated Districts in Summer 2026”

- 16. ADJOURNMENT**



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**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION (“ABCC”) ADVISORY
REGARDING LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY’S (“LLA’s”) OPTION TO
TEMPORARILY ALLOW ITS ON-PREMISES LICENSEES TO SELL ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES FOR ONE ADDITIONAL HOUR NOT TO EXCEED 3:00 AM AS WELL
AS THE ABILITY FOR ON-PREMISES LICENSEES LOCATED WITHIN PUBLIC
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONSUMPTION AREAS DETERMINED BY THE LLA
TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

On June 8, 2026, Governor Maura Healey signed “An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Opt-In to a Temporary Pilot to Extend the Hours of Liquor Licenses and to Allow for Public Consumption in Designated Districts in Summer 2026” which permits Local Licensing Authorities the option to temporarily allow its on-premises licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for one additional hour not to exceed 3:00 AM as well as the ability for on-premises licensees located within public alcoholic beverages consumption areas determined by the LLA the authority to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. The law took effect immediately. The text of the law is attached.

LLAs may designate one or more areas in their municipality where alcoholic beverages will be permitted to be consumed in public spaces, subject to restrictions that the city or town may deem appropriate, through July 31, 2026. LLAs may authorize its on-premises licensees within the designated public alcoholic beverages consumption area(s) the ability to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. Alcoholic beverages consumed within a designated public consumption district are limited to alcoholic beverages sold by participating on-premises licensed establishments located within the designated district.

The law also authorizes LLAs to temporarily allow any of its on-premises licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for one additional hour, not to exceed 3:00 AM, subject to any applicable local rules or regulations and any conditions placed upon its license. On-premises licensees do not need to be within a designated public alcoholic beverages consumption area in order to be eligible for the extra hour of alcoholic beverage service not to exceed 3:00 AM.

Each LLA must inform the ABCC if it decides to opt-in to this new law, which parts of the law it has opted into, what area(s) the LLA has designated for public alcoholic beverages consumption, and what on-premises licensees have extended their operating hours by one hour not to exceed 3:00 AM by uploading a letter to the ABCC’s eLicensing Portal.

Nothing in the law permits a licensed establishment to sell any type or category of alcoholic beverage beyond the type or category of alcoholic beverages that the licensed establishment is permitted to sell under its currently issued license.

The provisions of the law pertaining to public alcoholic beverages consumption areas, on-premises licensees selling alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, and **the option for on-premises licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for one additional hour not to exceed 3:00 AM expire Friday, July 31, 2026.**

As always, all licensees must ensure that they comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that sales of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by federal, state, and local law.

Questions concerning this Advisory may be directed to Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission at (617) 727- 3040 x 731.

(Issued 6/9/2026)

HOUSE No. 5482

Text of a further amendment, offered by Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (House, No. 5478, amended). June 8, 2026.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

By striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the following:–

1 SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, “licensed establishment” shall mean an
2 establishment holding a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages, whether all alcoholic or
3 wines and malt only, to be drunk on the premises pursuant to chapter 138 of the General Laws.

4 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
5 sections 4 and 5, a local licensing authority in a city or town may, on a temporary basis, allow a
6 licensed establishment to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in districts
7 designated pursuant to section 4. Only licensed establishments located within a district
8 designated pursuant to said section 4 may sell alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises
9 within the district.

10 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
11 section 5, a licensed establishment may, subject to approval of the local licensing authority, sell
12 alcoholic beverages on-premises for 1 additional hour beyond the time set forth in the

13 establishment's license, but not to exceed 3:00 a.m. until July 31, 2026, subject to any
14 applicable local rules or regulations and any conditions placed upon its license.

15 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
16 section 5, a local licensing authority may designate 1 or more districts in the city or town in
17 which alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed off premises, in public spaces, subject
18 to such restrictions as the city or town may deem appropriate and only through July 31, 2026.
19 Alcohol consumed within a district designated pursuant to this section, shall be limited to
20 alcoholic beverages sold by participating licensed establishments located within such designated
21 district.

22 SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit a licensed establishment to
23 sell any type or category of alcohol beyond the type or category of alcohol that the licensed
24 establishment is permitted to sell under the license issued to it by the local licensing authority
25 pursuant to chapter 138 of the General Laws.

26 SECTION 6. The executive office of economic development, in consultation with the
27 alcoholic beverages control commission, the executive office of public safety and security and
28 the department of revenue, shall report on the implementation and outcomes of the pilot program
29 established by this act. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number and location
30 of districts designated by municipalities; (ii) the number of communities authorizing
31 establishments to sell alcoholic beverages for off premises consumption in approved districts;
32 (iii) the number of communities authorizing establishments for extended hours of on premises
33 sales; and (iv) any evidence of increased public safety incidents as a result of extended hours of
34 on premise sales. The report shall evaluate any notable changes or observations relative to the

35 pilot and economic development, public safety, and revenue and sales during the pilot, and may
36 make any recommendations to improve outcomes. The executive office of economic
37 development shall file a report not later than December 31, 2026 containing its findings and
38 recommendations with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives.

39 SECTION 7. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, shall expire on July 31, 2026.